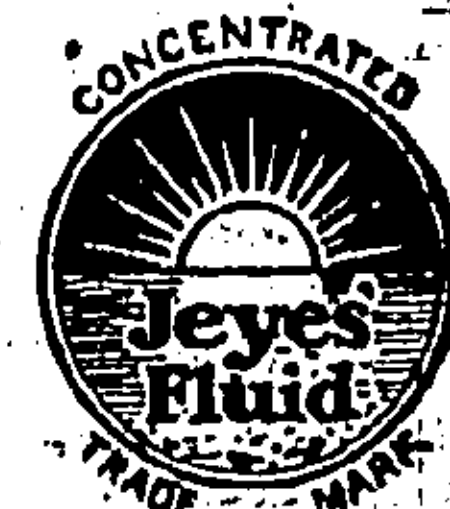


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HOME ELECTION RESULT.

LABOUR'S BIG SUCCESS.

TRIUMPH OF ORGANIZATION.

LONDON, November 17.

A feature of the elections was the very unexpected pro-Labour landslide in Scotland. This was not confined to the industrial districts but spread from Glasgow all over the Lowlands. It is regarded as a triumph of organization and the result of a very intensive political campaign.

There are still eight Scottish results to be declared, but at present 28 Labour men have been returned in addition to one Independent Prohibitionist Labour man and one Communist.

The Labour success is emphasised by the fact that it has been achieved in the face of an alliance between the Unionists and the National Liberals.

LABOUR OPPOSITION STRONGER.

The strength of the Labour opposition will be considerably increased by the election of ex-Radical intellectuals, such as Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Mr. G. P. Trevelyan, and Mr. H. B. Lees Smith, also Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. Hanmerde, but it is significant that the Party also includes the revolutionary socialist, Messrs. Shiwell and David Kirkwood. The latter was deported from the Clyde during the war.

VOTES ANALYSED.

LONDON, November 17.

An analysis of the aggregate votes for the election up to the present gives the following:

Conservatives	5,746,000
Labour	4,356,000
Liberals	2,768,000
National Liberals	1,535,000

LONDON, November 17.

Mr. Lloyd George's former Secretary, Sir W. Sutherland, has been re-elected for Ayr.

LONDON, November 17.

Fernanagh and Tyrone have returned a Sinn Féin and a Nationalist.

FOREIGN PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, November 17.

The newspapers are gratified that Mr. Bonar Law is assured a considerable majority. They remark that the new Government is likely to meet vigorous Labour opposition in foreign policy.

VIENNA, November 17.

The *Neue Freie Presse* expresses the opinion that the success of Labour in the British elections proves that thousands of Englishmen are dissatisfied with the present treatment and believe complete economic recovery can only be attained through material mitigation of conditions.

NEW YORK, November 17.

The press stresses that Mr. Bonar Law's majority is not compact and homogeneous. This emphasises the significance of the Labour gains.

WOMEN CANDIDATES.

LONDON, November 17.

It is noteworthy that London is still a Conservative stronghold, returning 43 Conservatives out of 64.

The English counties yielded the new Government 152 supporters and the English county boroughs 111. The Scottish counties only returned five Conservatives and the Scottish burghs eight.

The women M.P.s remain restricted to two out of over thirty candidates. It is pointed out, however, that women candidates polled much heavier than in 1918, two obtaining over 13,000 votes, a number of others 8,000 and 9,000.

STOCK EXCHANGE PLEASED.

The result of the election has pleased the Stock Exchange, judging by the general rise in quotations. It is expected that more settled conditions will lead to increased demand.

The favourable impression abroad is reflected in better sentiment in foreign exchanges. French francs are 93.50 and Belgian 97.70. Italian lire are 934 and Sterling on New York 4484. German marks have improved to 29,000.

FAR EAST MEN WIN.

LONDON, November 17.

Mr. M. Thornton, former Legislative Council member at Singapore gained Wavertree for the Liberals beating the Conservative candidate 1901.

Mr. Mitchell (Conservative) formerly a member in Japan, was returned for Salford Wavertree with a majority of 3,047.

ITALIAN POLITICS.

Rome, November 17.

The Chamber by 308 to 110 votes expressed confidence in the country's forces and approved the Mussolini Government's declaration.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

AMERICAN MEASURE.

WASHINGTON, November 17.

Leaders of the House of Representatives have agreed to take up the ship subsidy bill on Wednesday. With the final vote on November 19, it is expected that the bill will pass.

TURKISH SULTAN'S FLIGHT.

REFUGE ABOARD BRITISH WARSHIP.

POPULACE COMPLETELY DECEIVED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 17.

The Sultan took refuge this morning on the British battleship "Malaya" which left immediately for Malta. ABDICATION DENIED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 17.

The flight was carried out very quietly of the Sultan on Wednesday. He requested British protection, considering his life to be in danger. In the morning a car drew up at the side entrance to the palace and waited until the guard was being changed; when the Sultan, his son Mehmed Ertugrul and six members of the palace staff stole out and drove to the British naval base. The population was not aware what had happened until he was safe aboard the "Malaya."

The Sultan, replying to the acting High Commissioner's welcome, emphasised that he was not abdicating but merely removing himself from immediate danger.

The "Malaya" has steamed to Malta to await instructions regarding the eventual destination of the Sultan.

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLING.

LONDON, November 17.

Lord Curzon left for Paris this afternoon en route for Lausanne accompanied by the British delegation, including General Burnett Stuart, military representatives, and two Near East experts.

It is understood Lord Curzon has plenipotentiary powers but no important documents likely to be taken at Lausanne without reference to the British Government.

M. Poincare will accompany Lord Curzon to Lausanne. He will meet Signor Mussolini prior to the conference, but he is not likely to attend the conference at which M. Barrer, the French Ambassador to Rome, will head the French delegation.

BRITISH SMYRNA EXODUS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 17.

Relations between the high commissioners and Raïet Pasha have improved. Agreement has been reached regarding the police and gendarmerie.

The exodus of the British colony continues from Smyrna where foreigners are still being subjected to annoyances.

MODERNISING ASIA MINOR.

AMERICAN CAPITALISTS' OFFER.

PARIS, November 12.

A message from Ankara states that a group of American capitalists has approached the National Assembly with a view to submitting proposals for the construction of roads, railways, harbours, and factories. They offer to build a city on modern lines which might eventually become the capital. The Government has appointed a commission to consider the proposal.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE BILL.

MORE COMMITTEE DELAYS.

PARIS, November 17.

The Senate has referred the bill with regard to reorganising the Banque Industrielle de Chine to the finance and foreign affairs commissions.

KING'S SURGEON DEAD.

LONDON, November 17.

The death has occurred of Sir Francis Trevor, (Surgeon-General Sir Francis Trevor, K.O.S.L., O.B., was Honorary Surgeon to the King. Sir Francis had a distinguished military career. He served in India, Afghanistan, the Sudan and South Africa.)

SIX TEMPLE REFORM.

PUNJAB BILL PASSED.

LAHORE, November 18.

The Punjab legislature has passed the second reading of the shrines reform bill designed to solve the Sikh trouble.

IRISH ARMY EVIL.

FOUR MEN EXECUTED.

LONDON, November 17.

Four men were executed in Dublin this morning. They were sentenced to death by a court martial for possessing revolvers without proper authority.

OBITUARY.

WARSAW, November 17.

The death has occurred here of Grigoryevskiy, the

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Beautifully situated facing the sea, up-to-date Hotel, Large and Comfortable Rooms, Excellent Cuisine under Experienced Supervision, Separate Tables, Hot, Cold and Shower-Baths, Electric Light throughout, Public and Private Bars and Billiard Room. First Class accommodation for Families and Tourists. Terms Moderate.

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Underdeveloped have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned).

TUESDAY

November 21, 1922, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

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A few lots of Blankets, Travelling Bags and Sundry Household Linens, and
One Piano by M. F. Richards & Co. (in good condition),
Two New Carpets.
Terms: Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, November 17, 1922.

INTIMATIONS.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

MATCHES will be played against Shanghai on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY the 21st and 22nd inst., on the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB ground. Details of the matches will be published after the Shanghai team arrive.

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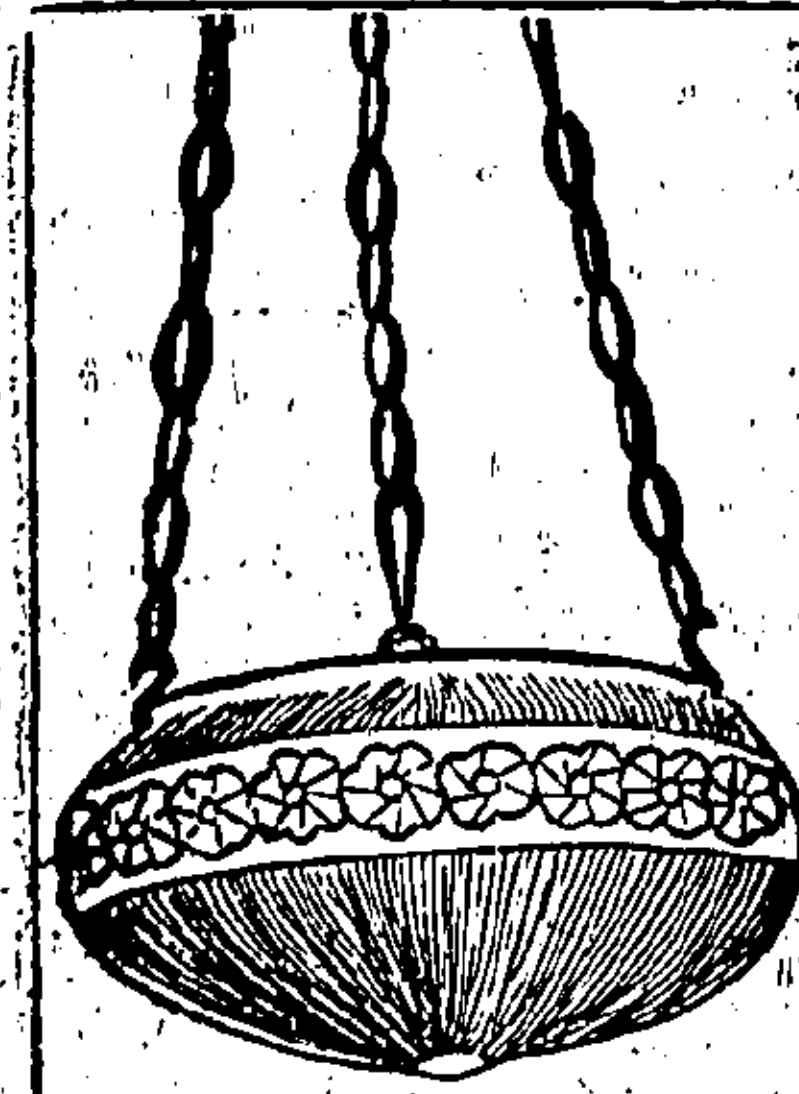
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25 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.
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TO LET.—No. 2, Queen's Road Central (Groundfloor). Suitable for banks, mercantile firms, bars, etc. For particulars, apply to Bank of East Asia, Ltd.

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FOR SALE.—Furnished or unfurnished, occupation by 30th November, Holmdale 44 Peak, 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms with gas heaters, large hot room, fullsize Grass Tennis-court, kitchen garden, house wired for light and heat. Apply Bevington, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd.

FOR SALE.—1 Reo 5 Passenger Motor Car in good running condition. Recently completely overhauled. Price \$1,500. Apply to No. 5, Arbuthnot Road.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 1922, at 7.30 p.m.

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

Hongkong, November 13, 1922.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Half Yearly Meeting of Members will be held on WEDNESDAY, 29th November, 1922, at 12.30 p.m. at the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex.

Business—Election of Stewards.

Hongkong, November 16, 1922.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AN EXTRA GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, December 2nd, 1922. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Special St. Andrew's Programme.

Entries close on 20th November 1922.

Hongkong, November 9, 1922.

ESTATE OF THE LATE T. O. WILKEN.

ALL Outstanding Accounts in connection with the above estate should be sent at once to the undersigned c/o "China Mail" office.

G. W. C. BURNETT.
Hongkong, September 22, 1922.

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A French Remedy for all Disorders of the Urinary System. It is a powerful diuretic and antiseptic, and is used by all the leading medical authorities in France and other countries. It is a most valuable remedy for all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, Stricture, Hematuria, and other disorders of the Urinary System. It is a most valuable remedy for all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, Stricture, Hematuria, and other disorders of the Urinary System.

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DARING POSTERS.

CHINESE SHOP'S POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Chinese shoe stores along Queen's Road have introduced several novel features in their cheap sale advertising designs. One enterprising store has a large poster depicting the inside of a fantan saloon. The croupiers has an undeniable likeness to General Chen Chiang-ming. He is depicted taking in the denominators, which in the Chinese national "game," are usually brass cash. His two "cashiers" are in appearance similar to the unscrupulous advisers or secretaries one sees on the Chinese stage. Written on the betting discs are characters meaning, "Lives," "Children," "Fields," "Houses," "Property," &c. A crowd of punters hovers round the table and facing them is a large inscription to the effect that unlimited stakes are accepted—the more the merrier. On the other half of the poster is a road-side scene full of people paupered by gambling. There is an old Chinese saying that the stronger victims of

unfortunate circumstances become robbers while the weak perish by the wayside. A rabble is shown running down the road, armed with guns, spears, daggers, hatchets and poles. They are exhorted the beggared ones who linger by the side to join them.

There are two morals to this poster. One, of course, is the evil of all gambling. The other is probably directed against Canton's Commander-in-Chief. One is also led to believe that there is a sly dig at the recent attempt to induce the Canton authorities to re-open the gambling monopoly.

Another store has pictures of Chinese shoes converted into warships, houseboats, motor-boats and automobiles, implying the advantages of the footwear sold and emphasising their great strength. The introduction of political topics into advertising generally attracts an interested crowd round the doors, but whether the results in actual business form a sufficient reward for the ingenuity displayed and the risk in stating political views only the shopkeeper can tell. One shudders to think what the Canton authorities would do if the posters were exhibited in the "City of Rams."

"SEXTON'S" MONOCLE.

MAJOR-GENERAL TAKEN FOR A GRAVE-DIGGER.

Major-General Sir William Thwaites, until recently Director of Military Intelligence at the War Office, whose home is Shenfield Hall, Brentwood, Essex, had an amusing encounter with a woman whose home is in West London but who has family associations with Shenfield.

Sir William, wearing muffs but no coat, was trimming a hedge which separates his grounds from the churchyard when the woman, taking him for the sexton and grave digger, called him over to her and gave him minute instructions regarding some work she wanted done at a family grave.

Sir William meekly accepted the situation, but later in the day the woman met the rector, and, apparently having some doubts, asked if the man working in the churchyard was the sexton.

"No," was the reply, "it is Major-General Sir William Thwaites."

"Oh," said the woman, "I thought it was strange that a sexton should wear a monocle."

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.			
	November 16, 1922.	1918.	1914.
Beef, Sliced.—Mol Lung Pa ... lb.	24	24	12
Prime Cut ... lb.	20	24	12
Corned.—Ham Ngau Yau ... lb.	32	30	20
Roast.—Shih ... lb.	24	24	22
Breast.—Ngau Nam ... lb.	22	20	18
Soup.—Tong Yau ... lb.	12	10	18
Steak.—Ngau Yau Pa ... lb.	24	24	22
Steak Sliced.—Ngau Lau ... lb.	32	30	20
Sausages.—Ngau Cheung ... lb.	28	24	20
Bellock's Brains.—Ngau No per set ... lb.	12	10	12
Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each 60	16	10	10
Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Li each 75 cent.	80	80	7
Head.—Ngau Tau ... each 1.00	1.00	1.20	14
Heart.—Ngau Sam ... lb.	16	12	14
Hump, Salt.—Ngau Kiu ... lb.	22	20	18
Feet.—Ngau Keuk ... each 12	10	10	12
Kidneys.—Ngau Yiu ... lb.	12	10	12
—Ngau Mei ... lb.	20	20	23
Liver.—Ngau Kon ... lb.	18	13	14
Tripe (addressed), Ngau To lb. 2	6	6	7
Poultry.			
Chicken.—Kai Tai ... lb.	48	30	31
Capon, Small.—Shi Kai ... lb.	45	28	30
Capon, Large.—Shi Kai ... lb.	60	28	30
Duck.—An ... lb.	35	22	22
Doves.—Pan Kau ... lb.	21	—	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	18	—	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	18	—	—
Fowls, Canton.—Kai ... lb.	50	35	24
Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai ... lb.	40	28	—
Geese.—Nga ... lb.	35	24	24
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap, each 40	30	—	—
—Hohow.—Hoi Hau Pak Kap ... each 28	23	—	—
Turkeys, Cook.—Fo Kai Kung lb. 75	60	60	60
Turkeys, Hen.—Fo Kai Na ... lb.	65	52	45
Salp.—Sha Tai ... each 18	22	—	—
Phoenix.—Shan Kai ... lb.	25	—	—
Quail.—Om Chun ... lb.	25	—	—
Partridges.—Che Ko ... lb.	35	—	—
Fruits.			
Almonds.—Hang Yan ... lb.	55	35	30
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan ... lb.	25	24	—
Bananas, (brides), Macao.—Nga ... lb.	4	4	—
—Houng Chin ... lb.	4	—	—
Cashewnuts.—Yung To ... lb.	12	12	—
Cocoanuts.—Ye Tao ... each 10	10	10	10
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung ... lb.	6	7	—
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan ... lb.	8	8	—
Ling Mung ... each 9	8	—	—
Litchies, Dried, (small stone)—Lai Chi Koi lb.	25	25	1
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet ... lb.	7	10	—
—Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb. 8	—	—	—
Pineapples, (Canton), Sweet ... lb.	9	15	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooking.—Shi Li ... lb.	10	10	—
Peanuts.—Fa Sheng ... lb.	12	10	12
Persimmons, Large.—Hung To ... lb.	12	12	—
Plantain.—Tai Obi ... lb.	3	4	—
Pumpkin, (Canton)—Tsim Lo Yau ... lb.	12	12	—
Walnuts.—Hop To ... lb.	20	14	16
Grapes.—Po Tai Tai ... lb.	25	25	—
Vegetables, &c.			
Artichokes.—Ah Chi Cheuk ... each 6	—	7	—
Beans, Sprout.—Nga To ... lb.	5	5	—
—Long.—Yau Kok ... lb.	11	8	—
Beet Root.—Hung Tai Tai ... lb.	8	8	—
Blister Squash.—Fo Kwa ... lb.	6	6	—
Bok Choy, Green.—Ching Yen Kwa ... lb.	5	5	—
—Red.—Hung Kwa ... lb.	5	5	—
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tai ... lb.	7	6	12
—(Shanghai)—Yau Tai ... lb.	11	12	—
Cauliflower, (Large)—Yau Tai ... lb.	45	—	—
—(Medium)— ... lb.	—	—	—
—(Small)— ... lb.	—	—	—
Cauliflower, (Small)— ... lb.	15	7	8
Celery, Chinese.—Tung Kau Tai ... lb.	20	20	8
Chilies, Dried.—Kon Lat Chiu ... lb.	20	25	25
—Red.—Hung Fa Chiu ... lb.	12	10	16
—Green.—Ching Fa Chiu ... lb.	10	8	12
Curry Root, English.—Kai Chi Tai ... lb.	10	10	—
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa ... lb.	3	2	—
Garlic.—Sun Tai ... lb.	1.5	8	—
Glitter young.—Sun Tai Kung ... lb.	5	7	—
—Old.—Lo Kung ... lb.	7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.—Lai Kan ... lb.	30	45	—
Indian Corn.—Shuk Mai ... lb.	5	4	—
Lotus.—Yung Sheng Tai ... lb.	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts.—Ma Tai ... lb.	10	6	—
—Mandarin.—Kwai ... lb.	14	10	8
Mushrooms, Fresh.—Shung Tai Tai lb. 45	—	—	—
Onions, Sweet.—Fan Shu ... lb.	8	10	10
Onions, Bombay.—Yung Chong Tai lb. 8	8	8	—
Onions, Green.—Shung Chong Tai lb. 4	4	4	—
Onions, Shanghai.—Shung-hoi ... lb.	5	6	—
Potatoes.—Kun Tai ... lb.	20	60	8
—Sweet.—Fan Shu ... lb.	4	3	—
—Japanese.—Yau Fui Shu Tai lb. 5	3	3	—
—American.—Yau Ki Shu Tai lb. 5	3	3	—
Pumpkin.—Tung Kwa ... lb.	4	3	4
Radish.—Hung Lo Pak Tai ... lb.	4	9	—
—(Round)—Tai Wong ... lb.	6	10	—
Shallots.—Kong Chong Tai ... lb.	8	8	—
Spinach.—Yin Tai ... lb.	6	7	—
—(Round)—Fan Kwa ... lb.	7	7	—
—(Round)—Fan Kwa ... lb.	8	6	—
Turnips, (Long)—Lo Pak ... lb.	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow.—Yau Kwa ... lb.	5	15	—
Water Cress.—Shi Yung Tai ... lb.	5	8	—
—(Round)—Fan Kwa ... lb.	4	4	—

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Stylish and Up-to-date Paris Fashions.

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THE WILL-TO-BE-WELL

"By the force of my will I shall subdue this disease." Buddha.

"Almost anything can be accomplished by a resolute act of the will."—PROFESSOR JAMES.

"I must—I will—get back my health!"

The man who says this to himself—really meaning it—is thereby helping and hastening his own recovery—so much does will-power influence bodily processes.

But inner weakness, unfortunately, the will-power itself is weakened; the patient is too limp and listless to make the necessary effort of volition; and it is here that Sanatogen comes to his aid.

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BIRTH.

CARPENTER.—At Haddenham, Buckinghamshire on October 22, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carpenter, a daughter.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 1933.

One of the poets, I'll March away, has some lines of the about heard melodies being sweet but half heard melodies being sweeter. I would have sold my soul to a drinker, could I have had this same poet in the Theatre Royal during the week. He'd have changed his views quicker than a hat changes its owner on Armistice night. Most those who came late either clambered creakily into their places or stopped in the aisle to hold bores "preliminary conversations." This while the rest of the audience (which had somehow been vulgar enough to come early) was straining to catch every note, every act the genius of a great composer had created. These outbursts invariably followed every interval, often with the added scandal that the offenders solemnly clamped along the corridors and scarcely forebore when they entered the theatre itself. Grr!

If the Women's Christian Temperance Union gets of its way the high seas DEEP liquor traffic will be stopped completely. Palatial liner passengers will then share the castaway's mournful wail: "Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink."

IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER LIKE WATER OFF A DUCK'S BACK. Charles's Head. The Colony now smells narrow and amahs (with their charges) abundant, but because it has a hospital and a cemetery handy. Thoughtful,

the whole these many moons. Indeed unless the Government takes a tumble (not in the approved European manner of course, but in the wink is as good as a nod sense), unless it speedily takes a tumble this pillar of salt by day and column of fire by night will become a tin can tied to the official tail clattering violent protest every time it gets for popular favour when budgets show a surplus and rents are restricted. Sooner or later the Government must swallow the nasty medicine vox populi. Come now, there's a good little man, shut his eyes tight. I'll soon be over. That's a nice—What! he won't? Bring the John Ward belt then with the maitre d' buckles. That'll learn him.

VERY FRIVOLITY. Book dedications are many and varied, ranging from the graceful "To you" to the brutal, "To the British public, these pearls." Perhaps, however, few have been more human, more pretty than the dedication Mr. Patrick Campbell gives his book "My Life and Some Letters," just published. I came out by the stage door of the Duke of York's Theatre at a quarter past twelve on the first night of the production of "Madame Suid," by Phillip Moeller. A girl of about 16, bare-headed was standing against the wall, evidently waiting for someone. I said: "What are you waiting for?" "To see you." "Where do you live?" "At Richmond." "How are you going to get back?" "Walk. I walked here early this morning. I wanted to get a good place to see the play, and I did; and now I have been waiting to see you." Then, with a wild look of ecstasy, she vanished into the night. To her I dedicate this book.

That road round Happy Valley seems to be the happy valley recognised official place where budding motorists learn to look selected presumably, not because the road is narrow and amahs (with their charges) abundant, but because it has a hospital and a cemetery handy. Thoughtful,

Our magistrates are now handing out stiff sentences to persons found in possession of unlawful arms. The arms evil here must be reduced and stern justice should have the desired effect. Two-fold purpose would be served however, if our magistrates added a few days in the stocks to every sentence. This would give the punishment new value as a deterrent—the Chinese dread the loss of face more than the actual sentence—and it would enable citizens to know the faces of those who have been caught with arms once and might perhaps be caught with arms again. The evil warrants drastic measures.

Our Chinese, a friend tells me, have their own peculiar and striking name for Statue Square, our city beauty spot now apparently fated to become a storing place for motor cars. "Tis indeed saddening to see daily a number of second-hand cars resting gloomily here, their drivers often asleep. Won't somebody do something!"

Much talk there has been ever since the Education Board meeting last week which promises to become a landmark in the Colony's education progress about the necessity of more attention to teaching English in our schools and as I feel very strongly on this subject which I consider one of very vital concern to the whole educational system I wish to stress the great importance of one thing which more than any other I am convinced will help to dissipate the mental hazees Sir Henry Newbold's committee quoted from Cardinal Newman and enlarged upon with great effect in the report. Thursday's *China Mail* leader quoted in support of the plea for closer application to the English language and English literature both so inextricably connected (as the committee observed) that they form the only basis possible for a national education. I refer to the short sentence.

Human nature's queer, very queer. Great composer creates masterpiece, capable company stages it. Every means to heighten the theatrical illusion employed—historical costumes, elaborate scenery, skilful lighting. And then the perverse audience does its damndest to shatter that illusion. Applaud I suppose it must, since most performers claim encouragement improves their art, but really it might contain itself long enough to allow the singer's last note to die away before assaulting the ear, now doubly sensitive from straining to catch every shade of the magnificent music. The performers themselves also help to destroy the continuity by bowing their acknowledgments. Carry this to its logical conclusion and the dying heroine might reasonably bounce to her feet to bow her thanks for a beautiful swan-song. Very soon the opera would cease to be an opera. It would become little better than a gramophone concert—all breaks.

They are not included in the Colony's daily return of notifiable diseases, but they are (seemingly) more infectious than most of the communicable diseases we have here. They are the little despotic ways that suddenly bite Government departments and make them do astonishing, fearful things. The latest victim is the Public Works Department, none less, and it dates the attack November 15. This is how the symptoms read, supplied by the patient itself:—

Sirs,—As it has been decided that accounts with Contractors &c during the year of 1932 must be rendered on or before the dates hereunder mentioned, you are now requested to note that unless bills in connection with the works done for this office are sent in before the dates specified below, no claims in respect of payment can be entertained.

Bills for works executed rendering a/c. up to and including 30th. Oct. 1932. not later than 15th. Dec. 1932. up to and including 15th. Nov. 1932. immediately on completion of Dec. 1932.

Quite right, quite right. Everyone must sympathise with a big department's anxiety to have its debts paid on the clock instead of struggling to get through the months. But why stop at half measures? Go the whole hog! Simply declare that the accounts have not been received and decline to entertain any claims whatever. Common law—pouf! Why should a government department worry about common law? That only affects those who pay their taxes—and their bills when rendered in conformity with the law's demands.

That was a good suggestion. The Magistrate Hamilton used in the Police Court AGED during the week. There's no valid reason whatever why hawkers' licences should not be

restricted to the aged. See to it, then, ye whose pigdin it is.

A London paper has been interviewing great ones about their pet aversions. This gave me an idea. I promptly sallied forth like O. Henry's secker of the city's Voice, and stopped those I chanced to meet. The first was a taipan. Perhaps it was telepathy but he answered my query before I had mustered sufficient courage to frame it. "Devil's revuls!" he swore "is there anything I abominate more than a woman, with the whole morning to waste, who returns to the Peak from her shopping by the tram I catch home for tiffin? Devils revuls!"

I left him still fuming and drifted discreetly along. Near the Hongkong Hotel we met. "Guess I know your pet aversion, to-day anyway," I said brightly (this was the Monday following Armistice night). After he had given me the lie for the sixth time and said his eye had become moist, I had another venture. He smiled foolishly, then glared. "I accepted the meaning in his glance, I might have known what to expect from an Esma man. Gazing mournfully into a gash shop window I found my next. Said he bitterly. "Neighbours just bought 'gramophone.' I left him alone with his grief—and grim resolve, for I'm one of those who know. Timidly I dropped into pace with him. These great bikers are sometimes intolerant of talkative company. Little need, though to frame my query. A motor car dashed past booting loudly, hideously, damably. His cat was strange and terrible. Then I bumped into a pressman. Newspaper chaps usually have pronounced opinions on every topic under the moon from beer to ale. "You really want to know?" he said. "Then the worst nuisance I know—and don't I know it, too—are people who live in a paying guest abode and leave the door open o' nights while they discuss their social aspirations and prospects." Then, like all newspaper men when excited, he became profane. I drifted away. Talkoo man happened along then. Violent language, he said, and when I asked him why, referred me to a well-known University light. Wasn't that strange? Typical Scot, the next answered my query by putting another. I'm still pondering the answer. So far I have classified seventy-three: Work, snobs, motor hobs, hatpins, teeth sucking, newspapers, stiff collars, Monday mornings, cockroaches, (post mortems, early rising, shroffs, and (as the reporters say) many others."

Strong things are said by Mr. St. John Irvine, the noted playwright, about the giggling playgoer. We who all know the breed, it giggles at any alleged physical defect in a performer's appearance and breaks into mill hysteria during the most emotional part of the play. Should a property door refuse to open it can scarcely suppress its glee. Hongkong has had many typical examples, and the recent Bauman visit showed that this insane giggling can be—nay, is—wicked. The part required the leading lady to mount a chest of drawers, using each drawer as a step. The first one crashed under her weight and she might easily have broken her ankle. The giggler was nothing denied, however. He became almost frantic with glee. That crowd has little sense of the fitness of things is proved by Verdi's experience when he first produced "La Traviata." The audience refused to believe the stouthead prima donna's fears of early death from consumption and the cruel laughter almost ruined an opera now numbered among the greatest.

Otherwise they might be taken for UNKINDEST shop walkers, politicians or undertakers—disparaging references by Home church writers quoted in today's *Garuch Notes*. What have these shop walkers and undertakers done to deserve this?

Reported that a pathetic little Shanghai Japanese maniac nearly burst into tears, when she found her ticket was almost next to the Shanghai Champions sweep first prize number. She said she wanted to buy three tickets at first, but finally decided she could not afford so much money. And yet a mis is a good as a mile. Buying three tickets might have been one from the winner. Buying four, five, six—buying five thousand—she might have missed the prize by a single unit. The only safe thing seems to be to buy the whole issue.

How much should a man LIVE. learn! The question is AND, pertinent with all this LEARN. bobbly in the Colony over education. How much education does a man need to be an effective citizen? Bernard Shaw, in a recent lecture gave the answer. If a man lived in a village all he needed was a very little knowledge of law—sufficient to prevent him trespassing—a little manners, and

enough mental arithmetic to enable him to take change out of sums up to a pound. The city man required all these qualifications with the exception of the manners. A professional man was not allowed to practice his profession until he had passed certain examinations, unless he was a literary man or a journalist in which case he need know nothing whatsoever. A legislator should have a quite serious knowledge of economic science, law, mathematics and political science. What was really produced by the over-educating of the upper classes was intellectual imbecility. When they got intellectual imbecility above and helpless ignorance below the result was 19.4-1918.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The name of the World Exchange Agency Ltd., has been struck off the Register.

One case of plague and one of diphtheria, both Chinese, were notified yesterday.

To-day is the seventeenth anniversary of the accession of King Haakon VII of Norway.

The fifth Gymkhana of the season takes place at Happy Valley to-day starting at 2.45.

Mr. A. H. Basso's name has been added to the Colony's list of authorized architects.

To day's *Government Gazette* publishes the new naturalization regulations. A certificate costs \$10.

Mr. H. P. White is returning from Shanghai on the "President McKinley," which is due in to-day.

Capt. E. R. S. Dods, M.C., of the 102nd K. E. O. Grenadiers, has had conferred on him the Order of the Star of Rumania.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell has been appointed Second Magistrate. Mr. E. W. Hamilton resumes duty as District Officer in the Southern District of the New Territory.

Matron G. G. Stronach, Q.A.I.M.N.S., has taken over the duties of Matron to the Military Hospital, Hongkong, vice A. Matron N. I. Jordan, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

A Sale of Work will be held at Union Church on Wednesday December 6, at 3 o'clock. Proceeds in aid of the New Fugate Fund. Tea will be served Free.—Adv.

Departures by the "Empress of Canada" yesterday, included Commander Thos. B. Drew, O.N.E., Mr. C. K. Edmunds, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Capt. T. Y. Hawkes, Capt. W. G. O. Morgan.

The death occurred on Wednesday in the Kung Yee Hospital, Canton, of Mr. B. Christiansen, who was the Consul for Denmark at Canton. The funeral took place yesterday morning.

Forthcoming Crown land sales include 43,900 sq. ft. at Pokfulam for an upset price of \$5,303; 50,000 sq. ft. on the spur between West Bay and Repulse Bay for \$5,400; and 45,450 sq. ft. at Whitfield for \$22,925.

The week-end screenings to-night and to-morrow will present one or two further opportunities of seeing "Way Down East," the wonderful Griffith film which has been shown this week at the Coronet with such conspicuous success.

To-day's *Government Gazette* publishes notices concerning property the Government has decided to resume. Private negotiations for purchase having failed, compensation will be paid under the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance.

The 102nd K.E.O. Grenadiers will occupy Low Camp on the following approximate dates:—2 Companies, 2nd December to 23rd December, 1932; 2 Companies, 4th January to 25th January, 1933; Battalion, 25th January to 16th February, 1933.

The Conference of Associated British Chamber of Commerce in China and Hongkong, arranged for this month, was postponed because several Chambers were unable at the last moment to send representatives. It is hoped to hold the Conference at China New Year—a period which several Chambers have indicated to be, in their opinion, a more convenient one.

BIG CANTON FIRE. OVER THIRTY HOUSES INVOLVED.

"FLEET STREET" BLAZE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Nov. 18.

A disastrous fire took place in Canton on Thursday night, 32 houses being involved. About twenty were gutted, while the others were partially burnt or the roof's torn down to prevent the whole house catching fire. One boy employed at the Yan Kuen Po was burnt to death.

The fire occurred in Tai Pat Po, Western Suburb, the "Fleet Street" of Canton. It started at No. 8, the offices of two vernacular papers, the *Nan Yuet Po* and the *Kwok Wah See Po*. What caused the fire is more or less shrouded in mystery. As the staffs were sitting down to their evening meal shortly before 6 p.m. the main staircase of the premises, separating the two papers, was set alight. The staffs tried to put the fire out but their efforts met with no success. The fire spread to No. 10, the offices of the *Tai Tung Po*. Owing to the premises being under repair, the editorial staff was housed in a temporary shed on the roof and the strong north wind blew the flames over from No. 8. Feats were entertained that the wind might cause the whole street and even adjoining thoroughfares to be involved and as there was a considerable amount of inflammable material in the houses—there are several large paper shops—everybody began to remove what they could. The Fire Brigade arrived but could do little to cope with the fire as there was very little pressure. The worst fears were borne out and the fire, fanned by the strong wind, was carried along both sides of the narrow street. This made it an almost hopeless task for the fire men and attention was ultimately devoted to isolating the district by demolishing the roofs of a number of adjoining houses. At about 10 p.m. the fire had burnt itself out but another alarm was raised at 2 a.m. on Friday when the dying embers were fanned alight by the wind. This blaze was soon put out and no further damage was done.

The total loss cannot yet be ascertained; so many houses were involved that it will take some time before the details can be obtained. Most of the houses and their contents were insured and it is believed the claims will run into several lakhs. The offices and works of the following vernacular papers were gutted:—*Nan Yuet Po*, *Kwok Wah See Po*, *Yan Kuen Po*, *Tai Tung Po*, *Chun Kwok Wah Po*, and the *Yin Tsung Po*. These will have to cease publication temporarily. Other papers whose premises were more or less damaged are the *Kung Wo Po*, *Yeung Sing Po*, *Yuet Seung Kung Po* and the *Kuang Tung Po*.

"LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR."

Donizetti has woven a magic shen of music round Scott's story and there is never a dull moment from start to finish of this fine opera. The music is understandable; it makes its own appeal to the senses, whilst the pathetic story of Lucia commands sympathy. There was not a flaw in the Grand Italian Opera Co's presentation of it at the Theatre Royal last night, before the usual crowded house. The opera has a remarkable number of concerted pieces and these were given with fine effect. The famous sextette had to be repeated, whilst the mad scene came in for similar recognition. If this latter is not exactly good music, it affords good opportunities for vocal gymnastics, and virtually resolves itself into a duet between soloist and flautist, making a most effective setting. The nearest approximation to it is Bishop's "Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark."

In this and as Lucia generally, Miss Delza was musically convincing; whilst her portrayal was everything that could be wished. Signor Scramuzzi again proved what fine singing and acting is. He is now a recognised favourite. A warm welcome was given to the singing of Signor Mavrou who possesses a bass voice of superlative quality and has a distinguished stage presence. Signors Cappelli and Giorgiani sang with distinction. Chorus and orchestra were again good, whilst, thanks to the indefatigable Cav. Carmelo Castagnino, the Opera went with smoothness and precision. This afternoon "Rigoletto" will be given, and to-night "Norma."

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Magistrate's WARNING TO OWNER.

Ng See-yin, of No. 9 Robinson Road, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning to answer a summons charging him with having kept a ferocious dog without a licence. The dog bit a coolie and an amah employed by Mr. A. G. da Rocha, the D'Agular Street auctioneer. The case was adjourned on Wednesday last because the defendant had failed to attend Court.

Sub-Inspector Marks said he had since discovered the defendant had two licences for two dogs.

The Magistrate discharged defendant on the second count.

Answering the other charge, defendant said the dog bit Mr. Rocha's servants because they had been in the habit of beating it with poles.

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Magistrate (to defendant): Why did you not attend Court on Wednesday?—I was too busy.

Magistrate (sternly): The Government must be obeyed. I won't have that excuse. You must go to that dog under proper control in future. You must keep it indoors. If there is further trouble you are liable to be fined \$10 for each day it is allowed out. You will pay \$5 to Mr. Rocha's coolie as compensation, and remember, next time you must attend the order of the Court.

Indigestion and Biliousness. You should not eat food of any kind when bilious, but take a full dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and drink plenty of water. That will cleanse the stomach, move the bowels and soon restore the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

GOVERNOR BACK. SIR R. E. STUBBS RETURNS.

BLAKE PIER WELCOME.

Looking exceedingly fit and well after his five months' furlough, the Governor of Hongkong, Sir R. E. Stubbs K.C.M.G., arrived back in the Colony by the P. and O. steamer "Kashgar" this morning and made an official landing at 10 o'clock.

On Blake Pier a distinguished assembly gathered to greet His Excellency. It included the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) and Lady Rees Davies, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater C. M. G., the Hon. Sir Brunyate K. C. M. G., Mr. Justice Gombert, Colonel Davy C. M. G., Lieut. Col. Nicholson C. M. G., D.S.O.; Commodore Grace, the American Consul General (Mr. W. H. Gale), the Bishop of Victoria, Father H. Valorta and the Director of St. Joseph's College, the members of the Legislative Council and many Government officials and private citizens. A large crowd of spectators, European and Chinese, had gathered on the Praya under the verandahs of the Post Office building and the shipping offices on the opposite side of Pedder Street.

Accompanying His Excellency when he came ashore in the "Victoria" were the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C. M. G., the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher C. M. G., Commander Beckwith R.N., Capt. Neville A.D.C. and Mr. Eric Rice (private secretary). Immediately after the Governor had set foot on Blake Pier a salute was fired and the gathering waited with bated breath until the guns had finished. Then His Excellency stepped forward and shook hands with everyone, afterwards motoring away to Government House with the Hon. Mr. Severn and Captain Neville.

LAWLESS CHINA. FOREIGN MINISTERS' STRONG PROTEST.

PEKING GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT.

PEKING, November 18. The British, French, Italian, American, and Swedish Ministers yesterday, in a note to the Weichia pu, drew serious attention to the persistent kidnapping and captivity of foreigners in Hunan; pointing out that this was occurring in the province adjoining the metropolitan province where there are large bodies of troops; protesting on behalf of their government against China's failure to protect foreigners; reminding the Chinese Government of its responsibility for the safety of foreigners in Hunan; and demanding that measures be taken immediately for the release of the captured foreigners, and that proper protection be afforded to them and their fellow nationals in the future.

The Weichia pu states that it immediately telegraphed General Wu Peifu and other military leaders urging the earliest possible measures to secure the release. The Foreign Office adds that it does not believe force can be used in the first instance as peaceful measures are more likely to succeed without danger to the captives. It is unable to dictate to Wu Peifu regarding the measures to be adopted, but is confident he will do his best possible in the circumstances.—Reuter.

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HOTEL ARMS.

AUSTRALIANS IN TROUBLE.

PITTS' CASE.

After a long and interesting hearing yesterday, Mr. J. R. Wood reserved his decision until Monday, in the case against the Australian named William E. Pitts, formerly second steward of the s.s. "President Jefferson," who is charged with having been concerned in the smuggling of large quantities of arms and ammunition into the Colony.

Continuing his expert evidence as to handwriting after we had gone to press yesterday, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, said with regard to the name "O. J. Smyth" found on some of the papers examined that the writing was so similar to that of certain persons found in defendant's cabin, that they could practically be superimposed.

Chief Detective Inspector Muriel then gave a list of the arms discovered at the hotel. There were 51 revolvers, 9 Mauser pistols, 2 Savage rifles and 2,380 cartridges. At the Inspector's office on October 31 the defendant in answer to the charges preferred against him made a statement to the effect that the whole thing was a put up job to get him into trouble.

Continuing, the Inspector said on Nov. 13 he received word from Mr. F. G. Vaux, solicitor, who had since dropped out of the case that defendant wished to make a statement. The witness visited defendant in the Victoria Jail, and after he had been cautioned, defendant made a long and rambling statement.

This occupied fully half an hour for the Magistrate to read to defendant. Pitts acknowledged its accuracy. The statement opened as follows:—

"The night before the s.s. 'President Jefferson' arrived in Hongkong (21/10/22) I had just left a dining-room on my way to the deck when I was stopped by the steward, Harry Woo. He asked me to fill up some labels for him. I said 'sure, come over to the steward's office.' I went over there and he handed me five first-class state-room baggage labels. I said 'What do you want written on them?' He said 'W. E. Pitts.' I put that on and filled the labels up. I then left him as I was in a hurry to see that all my passengers were being attended to. On the following day about half an hour before our arrival in Hongkong, Harry Woo came to me and said 'Mr. Pitts, will you send some baggage by the runner of the King Edward Hotel?' I asked him where it was and he replied in state room No. 40. I asked him whom it belonged to. You have no passenger on my list for room 40. He said it was Mr. Peters. I queried 'who is Mr. Peters?' and he answered 'it is me.' I said 'What is the idea, Harry, why can't you go under your own name?'"

The Magistrate enquired who Harry Woo was.

Inspector Muriel said he had been arrested and had jumped his bail of \$5,000.

The statement continued: "Harry Woo said 'It is this way: I am bringing my wife down from Canton and we want to stay in the King Edward Hotel for a few days until I can get a house for her. You know the King Edward Hotel does not like to give the Chinese a room.' I said 'Are you sure about that, Harry?' He replied 'yes, Mr. Pitts, I am not lying to you.' I said 'How are you going to get up to your room over there?' He said 'Oh I know all the Chinese over there.' I said 'All right, I will do it for you; I will get a room. You can look for the number and then get up there the best way you can.'"

In the statement defendant described how on arrival in Hongkong he ordered the King Edward Hotel runner to take the luggage to the hotel. He filled up the runner's card. Later he went ashore and met the other prisoner, Smyth, and a man named James Chiu, Interpreter at U.S. Consulate. There was much drinking between them; both at the King Edward Hotel and the Hongkong Hotel. Whilst at the King Edward Hotel he signed the register as requested by Woo. Later in the evening they called at the public bar of the King Edward Hotel and had some more drinks. There Harry Woo came in and the following conversation took place:

"Woo said: 'Mr. Pitts, my wife will not come here to-night. I said 'Why? I have already engaged a room.' He said: 'That don't matter. I will bring my wife up there to-morrow, if you want to use the room you can.' The accused got the worse for drink that night and finally decided to occupy the room. He laid down on the bed and woke up the following morning with his clothes on.

During that day, the 23rd, accused was busy examining stewards with the doctor. There is a humorous passage in the statement which states that whenever accused wanted the doctor to reject a man he just gave the doctor a dig in the back."

"There was more drinking that day on the ship and at the Palace Hotel. That night Harry Woo sent for him, in the interview which followed:—

"Woo said: 'Hullo! Mr. Pitts, my wife is over at the King Edward Hotel. Do you know any American or white man here that will settle the bill for me?' I said: 'Sure, go over to my room and tell Smyth I want him.'"

"When Smyth arrived I said: 'Will you go over and pay a bill for me at the King Edward Hotel?' Smyth said: 'Yes I will do anything for you.' I wrote out a note, and Harry Woo gave me a \$20 bill, gold, which I gave. The note and the \$20 were given to Smyth with instructions not to lose it."

That night, there was a Chinese "chow" at West Point and a motor ride. When they arrived back at the ship Smyth was drunk and the defendant escorted him home. At 6 a.m. the following morning the vessel left port for Manila.

The accused proceeded in the statement to describe his arrest on the return of the s.s. "President Jefferson" from Manila. He said he asked the police to look for a letter signed by the Chinese crew. After they had found and read it, the defendant said: "You see what I am up against."

One of the policemen found a piece of paper under his pillow, and asked him if he knew what it was. He replied: "I certainly do not, but I guess that it is some more of their dirty work."

The statement concluded: "I asked the police to search the place well as you are liable to find anything there. They searched well. I asked if they had had breakfast. They replied: 'No,' and they had a meal in my room. My room has a Yale lock: there are three keys for the lock—one key is kept by me; one by the Chief Steward and the other is carried by the room boy."

The letter which defendant purported to have been received from the Chinese crew was also read. It was dated from Shanghai, October 18, and contained threats of murder and asked him to watch himself in future. The defendant then elected to go into the box and give evidence. He emphatically declared that he knew nothing about the arms and ammunition found in his cabin.

The Magistrate: How do you account for them being in your cabin? The defendant: The only thing I can say is that I have dismissed 80 per cent of my crew in the last two trips. The s.s. "President Jefferson" was the last boat to take on a Chinese crew and she got the riff raff from all the other boats. During the last voyage to Seattle he stopped a number of them from smuggling whisky into the States. They were a bad lot and capable of anything. Regarding the ammunition, at Seattle he left the ship each day at 4 p.m. and as there were three keys to his room it was not difficult for the stuff to be planted there.

"If I was doing wrong and knew I was doing wrong," continued the defendant, "do you think I would have been so silly as to go and sign the hotel register?" I have also a reputation to keep up. I have a wife, a daughter, nine months old; a boy, five years old; an aged mother and an invalid sister to keep. Do you think I would risk them for this? I should be with them now."

Continuing, he said that the Chinese used to go to his cabin and borrow his game of mah jong. The room was open to anyone to go in.

The defendant then asked the Magistrate to question Inspector Muriel as to his character and the Inspector informed his Worship that Pitts bore a splendid character amongst the officers of the ship.

"I have nothing more to add," said the defendant, "but if your Worship only knew what I had to put up with during the last two trips—why I have lost 12 pounds!"

The Magistrate: In money or in weight?

Owen James Smyth was called to speak on one point for the defendant. He stated that when he visited the ship on the night of the 22nd the defendant was in the uniform of a second steward. He knew nothing about the arms and ammunition found in the King Edward Hotel. When they visited the hotel on the 22nd he did not even know that Pitts had engaged a room there.

As already stated, the Magistrate reserved his decision.

SMYTH'S CASE.

PALACE HOTEL HALL.

Owen James Smyth, another Australian, formerly bar manager of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, was then charged with (1) being concerned in the smuggling of arms into the King Edward Hotel, and (2) being in possession of arms at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon.

The defendant pleaded not guilty. Inspector Muriel was the first witness called in this case and said the

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defendant was detained by the police from 10 p.m. to 10 p.m. On the latter date the two charges were preferred against him and the defendant then made a statement, the gist of which was that he had some slight recollection of some one as being him, on board the s.s. "President Jefferson" on October 23, if he could leave a small parcel at the Palace Hotel. He was rather the worse for drink at the time. On October 25 he was informed that the arms had been found in his room. This was a terrible shock to him. He had no idea how the arms came to be left in his room.

A Chinese clerk of the King Edward Hotel said defendant called at the hotel on October 25, stating that he wanted to take a quantity of luggage away from room 38. His request was refused. The man said that he would call later in the evening for the luggage.

Sub-Inspector Shannon then gave evidence of the arrest. In response to a telephone message from Mr. Oxberry, Manager of the Palace Hotel, witness visited the hotel and was informed that arms and ammunition had been found in room 22. Together with Mr. Oxberry he visited the room and found four revolvers and one Lugard pistol and some ammunition in a drawer. There was no luggage in the room and the defendant was not present. The Inspector from there went to the King Edward Hotel and found Smyth in the public bar. In reply to the charge the defendant said: "It is the biggest surprise I have ever had in my life. I can assure you I know nothing whatever about it." On the 27th, returning to Kowloon, the defendant said: "That was not my room when the arms were found there. I left there last night."

Mr. Oxberry was next called. He said that he dispensed with the defendant's services on October 4. He allowed him to stay in the hotel until he could find a new job. He was given a month's salary in lieu of notice and allowed to occupy room No. 22 until October 21 when he was turned out of the hotel, owing to a complaint made by a lady. He was drunk at the time. Witness ordered the room boy to lock the room and not to allow him back. His bag and some papers were placed in the store room on the following morning. A few minutes later the room boy reported the finding of the arms.

In reply to the defendant, witness said that the defendant's baggage was not brought downstairs on the Tuesday evening; neither was the room occupied on the night that he left. The arms were not found until after the luggage had been taken downstairs. Witness was not there when the luggage was taken.

The Magistrate after a brief consultation with Inspector Muriel announced that he had decided to discharge the defendant on the first count, regarding the seizure of arms in the King Edward Hotel. He asked the defendant if he had any further explanation to offer regarding the finding of the arms at the Palace Hotel.

The defendant then went into the box and declared his innocence. The room he occupied at the hotel was open the whole time he was there. Furthermore, when his baggage was packed on the Tuesday evening nothing was found only his clothes and personal belongings. There were no signs of arms or ammunition. He could not understand the whole thing. He added that he was not in a financial position to buy arms and it was not likely that he would injure his position in view of the fact that he was likely to get a good job in Shanghai. It was also not likely that he would leave the arms behind and thus get himself into serious trouble.

The Magistrate also reserved his decision in this case till Monday.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. "AMBROSE."

The following team will represent the Club in their league game against "Ambrose" to-day 4.15 p.m. on the Club ground:—Rodger, Geirard, Bishop, Janel, Donovan, Mair, Purvis, Day, Forsyth (Capt), Valentine and Moore.

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A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, at any time and at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARTSON, 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by being underlined in red.

Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place, on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1922, at noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

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E. BULLOCK,

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Hongkong, November 18, 1922.

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AUSTRALIAN TRADE WITH CHINA.

THE COMMISSIONER SYSTEM.

"During the whole of my time in China I saw one advertisement for an Australian product," said Mr. Norman C. Ashton, an Australian who has just returned to Sydney from an extended business visit to China and Japan. "That was for a brand of ale, and was displayed in an hotel in Shanghai."

"I expected to be up against a stiff proposition when I went to China to look into the chances of Australian goods. I found a general desire for them, or, at least, for information about them. There is a slump just now in China, as in other parts of the world, but this is only temporary. As soon as it passes over there is an immense market waiting and it is those who get their goods before the Chinese public now who will reap the benefit. Little is being done by Australia, but Germany and other countries are working hard."

"Trade Commission?" said Mr. Ashton. "They don't seem to amount to much. Mr. Little is, I believe, independent and not anxious to retain the position. When I was in Shanghai I telephoned the Commissioner's office and asked for the tariff rates on silk from Australia. I was told to call at the office, but I had not the time, as my stay was limited, so I wrote. Then I waited nine days without receiving an answer. Just before leaving I telephoned again. A lady answered, who said that Mr. Little was away, and that she could not give me the information."

"It is of little use for an Australian firm to send a representative who cannot speak Chinese. There is no difficulty in securing men with the necessary knowledge. Just now there are at least 200 Britishers and some Australians in Shanghai out of a job. They are men who have been in China for years, and speak the language and know the ropes."

Germany is pushing trade in every possible way. Most of the German goods sent to China are on consignment, and I do not think that one-tenth of them are being sold just now but they are making a big show. They have displays in many windows in the Twenty ports. You can get a window for nothing. The Germans are publishing a free newspaper in Shanghai, in English, Chinese, and German. It is a 16-page paper, giving news, and also has German advertisements. British firms are also advertising very freely in China and Japan."

DOCK PUNISH.

MAGISTRATE WANTS HEAVIER PENALTY.

"I wish women's organisations would take this up and shout until they make Parliament hear. We want some place to which we can send these girls comfortably. They will not reform."

This was the opinion expressed by the chairman of the Swansea magistrates Mr. J. W. Jones, when a single girl, 21 years of age, who had been discovered on a vessel with a seaman at 1.30 a.m., made her eighth appearance at the police court for loitering at the dock.

"I learn that, despite stringent regulations and the utmost vigilance on the part of the police, undesirable women manage, by various ingenious methods to gain access to the dock and board the ships at many of the South Wales ports."

FINE NOT ENOUGH.
Authorities with whom I have spoken endorse the Swansea magistrates' view that the present penalty—a maximum fine of £5 which the girls can easily obtain—is not enough."

It is suggested, too, that the police should be given power to board vessels for the purpose of looking for these pests. At present they may do so only by invitation of the ship's officers, and I learn that the officers—at any rate, in the case of foreign vessels—are as anxious as the crew to smuggle these women aboard."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

BUCEPHALUS PEGASUS.

One day when Donald came back from a walk and went up into his nursery he had a big surprise. For there behind the door was a huge parcel something which seemed to have a head and legs but it was wrapped up in no end of pieces of brown paper.

"Oh Mother!" cried Donald, running to the door, "Come quickly. There is an enormous parcel in my nursery. Where has it come from?" "You isn't it a lovely surprise," said his mother as she came running upstairs. "Uncle Frank has sent it for you. Don't you remember when he was staying here last week he said that he wanted to send you something that he hoped you would like ever as much?"

"I remember," answered Donald. "But he didn't say what it was going to be. Do help me to open it." So together they pulled off all the brown paper and udd the string and then Donald discovered that it was the biggest rocking horse that he had ever seen. It was painted brown and had a long flowing mane and tail and great staring glass eyes.

"Jump up!" said his mother. Donald did not need to be told twice. He put his feet in the stirrups and up and down he went until he was tired.

"This is lovely!" he exclaimed. "I shall be able to ride all over the world now." For he had a vivid imagination and was always pretending to row in a boat to Shanghai or fly in an imaginary aeroplane to England or America.

"Yes I expect you will have some splendid rides," said his mother. "And what are you going to call your horse?"

"I don't know," replied Donald. "Do you know any horses' names?"

"Well you might call him Bucephalus or Pegasus," she answered. "Those were very famous horses."

"They are dreadfully long names," Donald said, as he rocked thoughtfully up and down. "Were they real horses Mother?"

"Bucephalus was," his mother replied. "I will tell you about them both and then you will see which name you like."

"Do please," urged Donald as he settled down to listen and she went on. "Bucephalus belonged to Alexander the Great who lived in Macedonia hundreds and hundreds of years ago. He was a big horse with a head like a bull and he would allow no one except Alexander to mount on his back and he always knelt down for him to get on. Alexander rode him everywhere and one day, in the middle of a battle Bucephalus was badly wounded. He buried away to a safe place and then dropped down dead after he had put down his master. Alexander loved his horse so much that he built a city and called it after his name."

"That is a nice story if it is really true," broke in Donald as his mother paused for a moment. "And now will you please tell me about the other horse, Mother—Pegasus—did you say?"

"Pegasus" smiled his mother. "You remember Donald how I told you one day about a hero named Perseus who cut off the head of Medusa, who had snakes on her head instead of hair and killed men or turned them into stones when she looked at them?"

"Was that the Gorgon?" put in Donald.

"Yes," answered his mother. "Well when Perseus cut off her head a winged horse sprang from her blood and flew up into the air until he came to a mountain called Helicon where he stayed for a time. There he was tamed, some say by the sea god Neptune and others say by the war goddess Minerva and then he was given to a man called Bellerophon to conquer a fiery monster known as the Chimera. Bellerophon killed this monster and then thought he would fly up to heaven. Jupiter, the most powerful of the gods was so annoyed at his daring to do this that he sent an insect to worry Pegasus and as he plucked about his rider fell off Pegasus then continued in his flight to heaven and Jupiter placed him amongst the stars."

"They both sound as if they had an exciting time," said Donald, when his mother had finished. "I should love to ride on a winged horse. I should like to imagine too that I was Alexander the Great riding on Bucephalus. I think Mother," he added. "That I shall have to go. I am both names and then some days I can call him Bucephalus and sometimes Pegasus and we can fight battles or fly up to heaven."

"That is a good idea," agreed his mother. "I expect that you will have lots of good times riding him." And this Donald certainly did.

PETER PAN.

Why is it unwise to tell secrets to strangers? Because they always carry tales (said).

SHIPPING.

JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPBUILDING.

The Japanese Budget for 1923 contains provisions for navigation bounties and mail subsidies amounting to 9,957,797 yen (about 5,000,000 dollars), says Mr. Eugene T. Chamberlain, of the transportation division, Department of Commerce, Washington, in an analysis of Japan's merchant marine policies.

Since 1896, Mr. Chamberlain explains, the construction of merchant vessels in Japan has been directly encouraged through the shipbuilding law (in the middle of 1919), and indirectly by the navigation bounty law since 1917. Further assistance has been given by bounties on steel production and by mail subsidies.

The shipbuilding bounty law makes it possible for corporations whose members or shareholders were Japanese subjects employing competent naval architects and owning docks, ships and machinery capable of constructing vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more, to receive a bounty varying with the type of the vessel from 11 yen to 22 yen per ton of the gross tonnage of such vessels as they constructed which satisfied the requirements of the authorities. Recipients of the bounty were required to use domestic materials, except such as could not be produced in Japan.

With the great development of the shipbuilding industry during the war period the bounties paid rose from 800,000 dollars in 1914 and 1915 to 1,600,000 dollars in 1916 and 2,600,000 dollars in 1917. In 1918 the Japanese yards built 490,000 gross tons, an annual output surpassing any previous German output and exceeded before the war only by the usual British output and on three occasions by the product of U.S. yards. Within two years submarine warfare developed Japanese shipbuilding and Japanese shipping at seven-fold the rate of its increase in 20 years under the carefully devised bounty project.

SUSPENDED SHIPBUILDING BOUNTY.
The purpose of the shipbuilding bounty law of 1896 was being accomplished by other instrumentalities and in 1918 the Japanese Government suspended the operation of the law, and so far as can be ascertained, has no intention of putting it into effect again in the near future.

The way for the suspension of the shipbuilding bounty had been paved by a law enacted in August, 1917, for the encouragement of the steel industry, which exempted from income taxes and business taxes those engaged in the steel industries, and provided bounties for various domestic steel products. The amounts of these bounties and tax exemptions are not available, but in 1921 the domestic production of steel in Japan equaled the imports in volume. On a Government steel plant nearly 100,000,000 yen has been expended up to this year.

The law to encourage the steel industry was amended in 1921, and since July 20 the business have been applied to steel products used in the construction or repair of naval vessels or merchant ships. A bounty is provided for steel ingots and slabs made in Japan equal to 12 per cent. of the value of imported steel ingots and slabs, and a bounty of 15 per cent. of the value of the imported article in the case of bars and rods, shapes, T shapes, angles, a pin plates, sheet tubes, pipes and turbine blades made in Japan, the bounties being paid only when the articles are used in a shipyard.

The Japanese policy of navigation bounties has been so applied as to promote domestic shipbuilding as well as Japanese navigation, so that the abandonment in 1918 of the system of direct construction bounties has less current significance than would appear superficially. The addition, for example, of 25 per cent. to the navigation bounties in the case of ships built according to plans approved by the Government is included in the navigation bounties and cannot be separately stated, nor are the specifications and particulars exacted by the Government as a condition to the grant of this extra bounty disclosed. There is reason to believe that, as in the American Ocean Mail Act of 1891, the British Cunard contract, and the former mail contracts, these special requirements deal with the conversion of the faster ships into naval auxiliaries and transports. Although the navigation bounties allowed to ships built in Japan are double those allowed in

RICH BUT DESTITUTE.

According to the *New York World*, the widow of Mr. Oscar Hammerstein, the well-known theatrical manager, was found in a distressing state sitting in the Central Park. She had been unable to settle a bill at the Hotel Netherland, and had only 33 cents in her possession. Delay and difficulties in settling her husband's estate are responsible for her plight. If the matter could be settled Mrs. Hammerstein would be worth quite a million dollars. After Oscar Hammerstein's death, in August, 1919, his widow took up a scheme for preserving his Manhattan Opera House, which he built to fight the Metropolitan Opera House—until he was bought out in 1906 for \$400,000. In June, 1921, however, the scheme completely fizzled out, and the Manhattan Opera House was converted into offices. At that time there were many dissensions between Mrs. Hammerstein, who was her husband's second wife, and his sons and daughter, and relations were very strained. The widow announced her intention of leaving America for ever and making her home in France. The late Mr. Hammerstein built the London Opera House in Kingway.

The drastic injunction recently obtained by the United States Government against the railway repairmen's trade union, making peaceful picketing and verbal or written recommendations to men to leave work illegal, has been renewed, notwithstanding that the strike is broken.

certain cases to foreign-built ships admitted to Japanese register, during the calendar year 1921 Japan built only 43 steamers of 227,425 gross tons, while on December 31, 1921, Japanese owners had contracted in foreign yards for 14 new steamers of 76,000 gross tons, and in the eight months ended February, 1922, had purchased 44 foreign steamers of 280,000 gross tons.

A CHANGE IN POLICY.
In its main feature as to routes, types and speed of steamers employed, and number of voyages the Japanese navigation bounty system was maintained during the war and up to 1921 substantially as before the war. The annual expenditure for the navigation bounty system for the eight years from 1914 to 1921, inclusive, were 63,921,260 yen, or an annual average of 8,000,000 yen, equivalent to 4,000,000 dollars.

Changes in navigation bounties for 1921, and 1922 in respect to lines to Europe, to North America (Seattle), South America (west coast), and to Australia are attributed to changes effected by the Budget bill of 1921 and 1922, which authorized extra budgetary obligations, not to exceed annually 1,400,000 yen, to subsidize the carrying of the mails for the fiscal year ended April 1, 1921, not to exceed 5,569,224 yen for the fiscal year ended April 1, 1922, and for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1923 not to exceed 5,217,192 yen. This last named amount to be applied solely to the lines to North and South America.

The purpose of the change in policy seems to be the relief of mail steamers from the Government's power to fix freight and passenger rates under the navigation bounty act and it is not improbable, in view of the work of the existing bounty act during the war, that the system of mail bounties may be further extended so as in time entirely to supersede navigation bounties.

The complaint was made by subsidized operators during the war that they were unable to take advantage of favourable opportunities because of the policy of the Government to keep freight rates on subsidized vessels as low as possible. Whenever the demand for space on any particular line exceeded the supply of subsidized space the tramp rate was always higher than the rates authorized by the Government on subsidized vessels, the former rate from Kobe to Liverpool during the greater part of 1918, for example, being ten times higher than the latter. Instances frequently occurred of tramps paying for themselves, in spite of the high cost of vessels, by the profit of one trip to Europe. Probably, with a view to promote the nation's commerce and its welfare as a whole, the Government consistently refused to permit more than normal increases in rates so that during the period of high rates the profits realized from the operation of subsidized vessels were practically negligible.

The payment of subsidies for the carrying of mail appears to be an attempt to remove the source of dissatisfaction.

The Budget for 1923 provides 6,748,605 yen for navigation subsidies, and the extra budgetary allowance to be applied as mail pay solely to the lines to North and South America is 8,217,192 yen in all, 9,965,797 yen, or approximately 5,000,000 dollars.

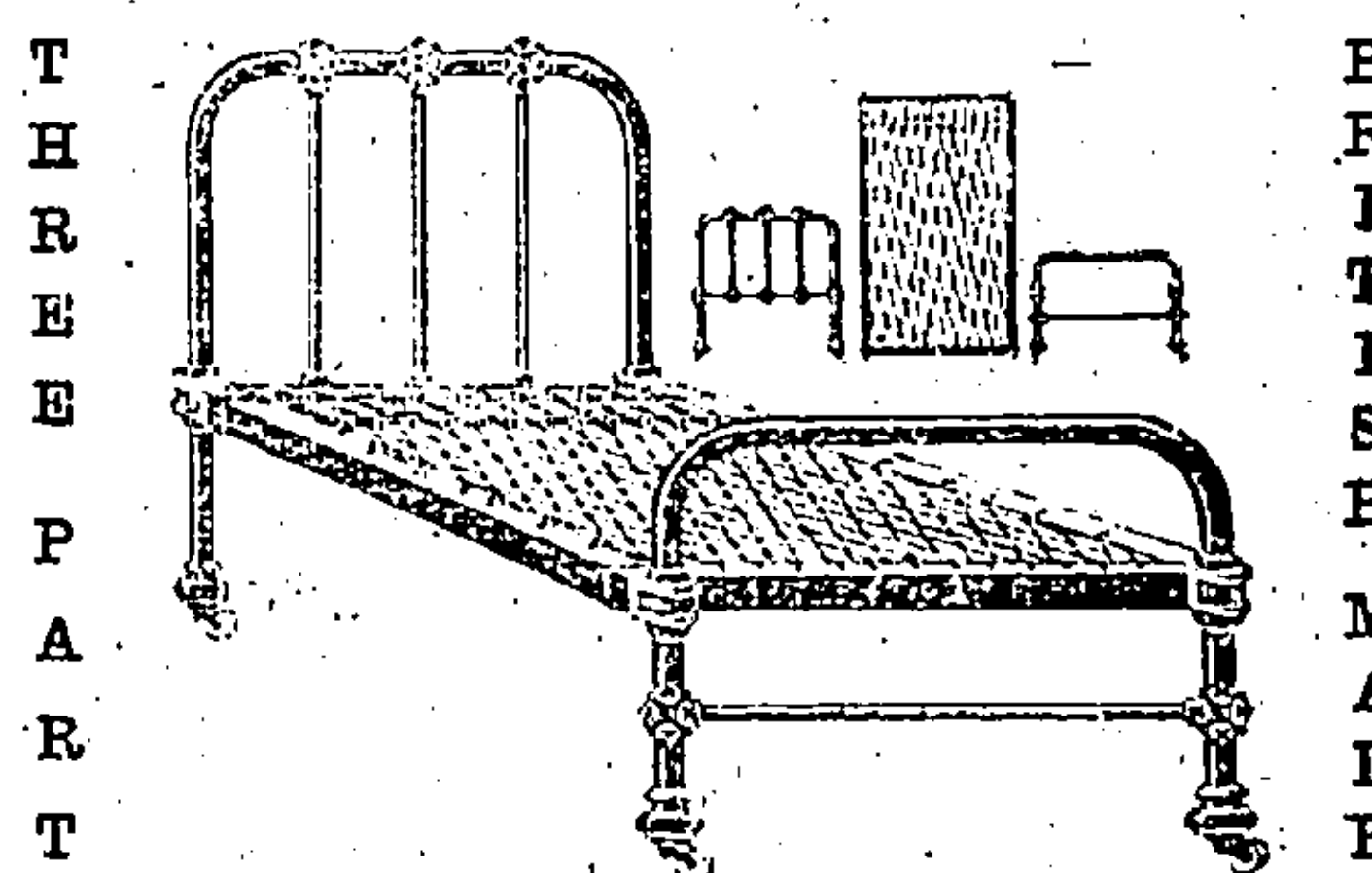
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